

Clinical Treatises on the Pathology and Therapy of Disorders of Metabolism and Nutrition. By Carl von Noorden. Authorized American Edition. Edited and translated under the supervision of Alfred C. Croftan, M. D.

Part VIII. Inanition and Fattening Cures.

Part IX. Technic of Reduction Cures and Gout.

The author's well deserved renown on questions of metabolism is a sufficient recommendation for the above books. They deal with subjects of vital interest to every medical man, for there are very few persons frequenting doctors' offices who do not require so-called "building up," or, on the other hand, advice against overeating qualitatively if not quantitatively.

The entire field of dietetics is one with which but a small proportion of the profession is familiar. There are various reasons for this, the principal one being no doubt that after glancing at various lengthy treatises on metabolism, the reader decides that the problem is a complicated one, and is content to continue feeding his patients in a haphazard way. As a matter of fact, there is hardly any one method of treatment so simple of application, so easy of control, so fruitful in results, as the dietetic. And there is no exposé of the subject so easy to read, so clear, and above all so practical, as the series of monographs by Carl von Noorden. R. B.

Handbook of Therapy. Journal A. M. A., Chicago. Four hundred twenty-one pages. A compilation from the matter in the Therapeutic Department of the Journal of the American Medical Association, which has appeared during the last two or three years, published by the Journal of the American Medical Association.

This little book is decidedly worth while. It is a pleasing departure from the handbook of the usual type, in that it offers very good abstracts of very good articles which have been written sufficiently recently to present more than a glimpse of the present stage of metamorphosis that the treatment of many very common conditions is undergoing.

It does not deal with abstruse theories nor with untried methods nor does it deal with the treatment of every disease, in short, it does not aim to be a pocket edition of a system of medicine. This has allowed the editor latitude, of which he has very pleasingly taken advantage, to give greater space to matters of interest which may be properly dealt with in a short work, for instance, the six pages devoted to snake poisoning in the United States present very sufficiently a description of venomous snakes in the United States, the symptoms of poisoning, and an outline of practical treatment.

There is also an interesting extract on tobacco. Of the other subjects treated there is found a disposition to select subjects of interest and to deal with them in common sense way. The sketch of the treatment of myocarditis is worth rereading, in fact, it is difficult to pick out a single article that is not of active interest. Lest the reviewer be criticised as being over enthusiastic, it may be said that this is a dangerous book for undergraduates, who, only too easily develop the habit of relying on compendiums, but for physicians who desire to read something to fill in their odd quarter hours this little handbook is found very pleasant.

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The eighth annual meeting of the Pacific Association of Railway Surgeons will take place at the St. Francis Hotel, August 26-27, 1910.

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